

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

(RECESSED AND RECONVENED ON FEBRUARY 27, 2008)

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: President Stroger and Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Claypool, Collins, Gorman, Goslin, Maldonado, Moreno, Murphy, Peraica, Quigley, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele and Suffredin (17)

Absent: None (0)

Also Present: Donna Dunnings – Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Finance; Jarese Wilson – Director, Department of Budget and Management Services; and Patrick T. Driscoll, Jr. – Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

Court Reporter: Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice for a public hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at the hour of 1:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved the approval of Communication Numbers 292313, 292314, 292315, 292316 and 292317.

Chairman Daley asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen
2. Pastor James H. Thomas – Representative, First Cornithian Missionary Baptist Church
3. Nick Bendafreddo – Recording Secretary, Teamsters Local 714
4. Laurence Msall – President, Civic Federation
5. Marc Gordon – President and Chief Executive Officer, Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association
6. Reverend Paul Jakes – Representative, Old Saint Paul Baptist Church
7. Reverend Julian Bell – Concerned Citizen
8. Jerry Roper – President and Chief Executive Officer, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Written statement also distributed.
9. Joni Fuentes – Concerned Citizen
10. Sandra Dillon – Chairperson, Fantus Board
11. James Hultquist – Representative, Air Transport Association
12. Honorable Maureen Murphy – Owner, Shannon Imports

13. Curly Cohen – Board Member, Fantus Board
14. Lewis Flowers – Representative, Westside Ministers Coalition
15. David Herrera – AFSCME
16. Frankie Henderson-Calvert – Secretary, AFSCME 1111
17. Sharon Rolark-Jordan – Secretary, AFSCME 1111
18. Dr. David Schwartz – Senior Physician, Stroger Hospital of Cook County
19. Roy Chavadiyil – Chief Steward, Local 20 SEIU
20. Lowell Thompson – Concerned Citizen
21. Cherita Logan – Concerned Citizen
22. Wallace “Gator” Bradley – United in Peace
23. Merrill Singh – Medical Social Worker, Cook County Bureau of Health Services
24. Mike Slinkman – SKS, Inc.
25. Josh Rosenblum – Concerned Citizen

Commissioner Butler asked the Chairman to have the written testimony from Gertrude Jordan read into the record.

Written statement only

1. Gertrude W. Jordan

Chairman Daley proceeded with the first item on the agenda.

292313 AMENDMENT TO THE VEHICLE FUEL TAX ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, County Commissioner.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

VEHICLE FUEL TAX

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 74, Taxation, Article XII, Sections 74-470 through 74-480, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE XII. GAS VEHICLE FUEL TAX

Sec. 74-470. Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the “Cook County ~~Retail Sale of Gasoline and Diesel~~ Vehicle Fuel Tax Ordinance” and the tax imposed herein shall be known and cited as the “Cook County Vehicle Fuel Tax”.

Sec. 74-471. Definitions.

Sec. 74-472. Tax imposed.

Sec. 74-473. Tax-free sales.

Sec. 74-474. Registration of distributors and suppliers.

Sec. 74-475. Rule making.

Sec. 74-476. Interest and Ppenalties.

Sec. 74-477. Tax in addition to other taxes.

Sec. 74-478. Municipality and township tax rebate.

Sec. 74-479. Transmittal of excess tax collections.

Sec. 74-480. Effective date.

This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect thirty (30) days after
enactment.

* Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Quigley, moved to defer consideration of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment (Communication Number 292313). The motion carried.

292314 AMENDMENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, County Commissioner.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 74, Taxation, Article VI, Sections 74-230 through 74-240, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VI. ~~SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES~~
MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX

Sec. 74-230. Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Cook County
~~New Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise~~ Motor Vehicle Weight Tax
Ordinance.

Sec. 74-231. Definitions.

Sec. 74-232. Tax.

Sec. 74-233. Exceptions.

Sec. 74-234. Dealer registration.

Sec. 74-235. Penalties.

Sec. 74-236. Additional to other taxes.

Sec. 74-237. Rule making.

Sec. 74-238. Penalties.

Sec. 74-239. Transmittal of excess tax collections.

Sec. 74-240. Effective Date.

This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

*** Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.**

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Quigley, moved to defer consideration of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment (Communication Number 292314). The motion carried.

292315 AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY USE TAX ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, County Commissioner.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

USE TAX

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 74, Taxation, Article VII, Sections 74-270 through 74-284, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII. USE TAX

Sec. 74-270. Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Cook County Home Rule County Use Tax Ordinance.

Sec. 74-271. Definitions.

Sec. 74-272. Tax imposed.

Sec. 74-273. Transactions not subject to tax.

Sec. 74-274. Retailer registration; security.

Sec. 74-275. Filing of returns.

Sec. 74-276. Resellers of tangible personal property.

Sec. 74-277. Purchaser paying tax directly to department.

Sec. 74-278. Interest and penalties.

Sec. 74-279. Duty of department to collect.

Sec. 74-280. Books and records to be kept.

Sec. 74-281. Tax additional.

Sec. 74-282. Rule making.

Sec. 74-283. Transmittal of excess tax collections.

Sec. 74-284. Effective date.

This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

*** Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.**

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Quigley, moved to defer consideration of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment (Communication Number 292315). The motion carried.

292316 ORDINANCE REGARDING ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX (PROPOSED ORDINANCE). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, County Commissioner.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 74 Taxation, Article XVIII, Sections 74-720 through 74-730, of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as follows:

**ARTICLE XVIII. ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX**

Sec. 74-720. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Cook County On Premises Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage Tax Ordinance". The tax herein imposed is in addition to all other taxes imposed by the County of Cook, the State of Illinois or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof.

Sec. 74-721. Definitions.

Sec. 74-722. Tax imposed.

Sec. 74-723. Collection of tax by retailer.

Sec. 74-724. Books and records.

Sec. 74-725. Registration of owners and operators.

Sec. 74-726. Rule making.

Sec. 74-727. Interest and penalties.

Sec. 74-728. Transmittal of excess tax collections.

Sec. 74-729. Confidentiality.

Sec. 74-730. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

*** Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.**

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Quigley, moved to defer consideration of the Proposed Ordinance (Communication Number 292316). The motion carried.

292317 ORDINANCE REGARDING COOK COUNTY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (PROPOSED ORDINANCE). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by Roberto Maldonado and Deborah Sims, County Commissioners.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

COOK COUNTY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

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ARTICLE XVII. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

Sec. 74-680. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Cook County Hotel Accommodations Tax Ordinance". The tax herein imposed is in addition to all other taxes imposed by the County of Cook, the State of Illinois or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof.

Sec. 74-681. Definitions.

Sec. 74-682. Tax imposed.

Sec. 74-683. Tax to be borne by tenant.

Sec. 74-684. Hotel to secure tax from tenant.

Sec. 74-685. Registration of owners and operators; filing and remittance.

Sec. 74-686. Books and Records.

Sec. 74-687. Rule making.

Sec. 74-688. Interest and penalties.

Sec. 74-689. Transmittal of excess tax collections.

Sec. 74-690. Confidentiality.

Sec. 74-691. Tax to be paid into Cook County treasury.

Sec. 74-692. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

*** Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.**

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Quigley, moved to defer consideration of the Proposed Ordinance (Communication Number 292317). The motion carried.

Chairman Daley recessed the meeting to the hour of 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 in the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County reconvened its meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Board Room, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois, to consider Communication Numbers 292313, 292314, 292315, 292316 and 292317.

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Sec. 74-480. Effective date.

This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect thirty (30) days after enactment.

* Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.

* Deferred at the Finance Committee Meeting on February 25, 2008.

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved that the Ordinance Amendment (Communication Number 292313) be approved and adopted.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Peraica, moved to lay the motion to approve on the table. Commissioner Peraica called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO
LAY THE MOTION TO APPROVE ON THE TABLE**

Yeas: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Claypool, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Peraica, Quigley, Schneider, Silvestri, Vice Chairman Sims, Steele and Chairman Daley (13)

Nays: Commissioners Maldonado and Suffredin (2)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Moreno (2)

The motion to lay the motion to approve on the table CARRIED.

292314 AMENDMENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, County Commissioner.

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Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved that the Ordinance Amendment (Communication Number 292314) be approved and adopted.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved to lay the motion to approve on the table. Commissioner Peraica called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO
LAY THE MOTION TO APPROVE ON THE TABLE**

Yeas: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Claypool, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Peraica, Schneider, Silvestri, Vice Chairman Sims, Steele and Chairman Daley (12)

Nays: Commissioners Maldonado, Quigley and Suffredin (3)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Moreno (2)

The motion to lay the motion to approve on the table CARRIED.

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Sec. 74-284. Effective date.

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- * Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.
- * Deferred at the Finance Committee Meeting of February 25, 2008.

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved that the Ordinance Amendment (Communication Number 292315) be approved and adopted.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Peraica, moved to lay the motion to approve on the table. Commissioner Peraica called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO
LAY THE MOTION TO APPROVE ON THE TABLE**

Yeas: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Claypool, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Peraica, Quigley, Schneider, Silvestri, Vice Chairman Sims, Steele and Chairman Daley (13)

Nays: Commissioners Maldonado and Suffredin (2)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Moreno (2)

The motion to lay the motion to approve on the table CARRIED.

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Sec. 74-729. Confidentiality.

Sec. 74-730. Effective Date.

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*** Deferred at the Finance Committee Meeting of February 25, 2008.**

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved that the Ordinance (Communication Number 292316) be approved and adopted.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved to lay the motion to approve on the table. Commissioner Peraica called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO
LAY THE MOTION TO APPROVE ON THE TABLE**

Yeas: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Claypool, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Peraica, Quigley, Schneider, Silvestri, Vice Chairman Sims, Steele and Chairman Daley (13)

Nays: Commissioners Maldonado and Suffredin (2)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Moreno (2)

The motion to lay the motion to approve on the table CARRIED.

292317

ORDINANCE REGARDING COOK COUNTY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (PROPOSED ORDINANCE). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by Roberto Maldonado and Deborah Sims, County Commissioners.

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Sec. 74-687. Rule making.

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Sec. 74-689. Transmittal of excess tax collections.

Sec. 74-690. Confidentiality.

Sec. 74-691. Tax to be paid into Cook County treasury.

Sec. 74-692. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

*** Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 20, 2008.**

*** Deferred at the Finance Committee Meeting of February 25, 2008.**

Commissioner Maldonado, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved that the Ordinance (Communication Number 292317) be approved and adopted.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Peraica, moved to lay the motion to approve on the table. Commissioner Peraica called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO
LAY THE MOTION TO APPROVE ON THE TABLE**

Yeas: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Claypool, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Peraica, Quigley, Schneider, Silvestri, Vice Chairman Sims, Steele and Chairman Daley (13)

Nays: Commissioners Maldonado and Suffredin (2)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Moreno (2)

The motion to lay the motion to approve on the table CARRIED.

Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Finance

John P. Daley, Chairman

Attest:

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

The transcript for this meeting is available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.